annum is allowed (Rs. 4800/– in hilly/backward/tribal areas).

STATEMENT-II

Norms for setting up of Telegraph Offices are as follows:

(I) Initially, telegraph facility is introduced through Post Offices called Combined Post and Telegraph Office. With a view to provide greater accessibility to reliable telegraph services, this facility is also being extended on franchise basis, through Long distance Public Telephone Operators.

(ii) Independent Telegraph Offices are set up at all District Headquarters and at places having 500 or more telegraph operations perday. In case a place has more than one Telegraph Office, the most important one from workload point of view is upgraded into a Central Telegraph Office.

STATEMENT-III

1. Palavadi (Dharmapuri)
2. Ganapathi (Dharmapuri)
3. Dokkutrothanahally (Dharmapuri)
4. Seerangpatty (Dharamapuri)
5. Bommahally (Dharmapuri)
6. Thoppuppalayam (Erode)
7. Addorly (Coonoor)
8. Burlier (Coonnoor)
9. Hillgrove (Coonoor)
10. Narashinganallur (Tirunelveli)
11. Kafungadu (Tirunelveli)
12. Karuppanapalayam (Tiruchirapalli)
13. Kavadanpatti (Tiruchirapalli)
14. Sirugudi (Tiruchirapalli)
15. Karadikada (Salem)

[*Translation*]

Cloure of Food Processing Industries of Co-operative Sector in Bihar

6319. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to reply given on 9th March 1992 to Unstarred Question No. 1915 and state:

(a) whether food processing industries set up in co-operative sector at Madhubani, Darbhanga and Oino in Bihar were closed after operating for some years;

(b) since when these food processing industries are closed; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government and Central Cooperative Institute to re-start these industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). Sanction for the establishment of 3 food processing units in co-operative sector in the districts of Madhubani, Darbhanga and Oino was issued by NCDC in the years 1966-67 and the work was completed by the end of 1969. Because of disputes between the contractor and the societies concerned, the units could not take up commercial production. By the time the arbitration for resolving the dispute was complete in 1975, the society lost interest in it and the units lay defunct. Subsequently on the recommendation of the State government, the National

Co-operative Development Corporation sanctioned assistance of Rs. 4.80 lakhs for the Darbhanga unit in 1976, Rs. 4.20 lakhs for the Olno unit and Rs. 4.12 lakhs for then Madhubani unit in 1982. Since further action was not taken by the State Government and the Societies, sanctions were cancelled.

[*English*]

Setting up of C. W. C. S. Circles Offices

6320. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the State capitals where circle offices of the Central Water Commission have been/to be set up;

(b) whether the Government propose of set up such circle offices in Calcutta; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The circle Offices of the Central Water Commission are at present located at the following State Capitals:

(i) Bangalore

(ii) Hyderabad

(iii) Bhubaneshwar

(iv) Shillong

(v) Guwahati

A circle Office is also located at Jammu. Further opening of circle Offices is linked up with Cadre Review proposals of the Central Water Engineering (Group A) Service which are under process Cadre Review proposals envisage circle Offices at Jaipur, Simla, Bhopal, Lucknow, Patna and Gangtok.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The setting up of circle Offices will be decided by and large on the basis of the following considerations:

(i) The general policy of not opening new Offices in the four metropolitan cities; Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Delhi;

(ii) The need for Basin-wise management of rivers.

(iii) Local work-load in terms of number of projects to be monitor/appraised for techno-economic clearance.

[*Translation*]

Air Service on Calcutta-Guwahati-Deemapur Sector

6321. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is non-availability of daily air service on Calcutta-Guwahati-Deemapur Sector; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). There is no daily service on Calcutta-Guwahati-Deemapur sector. However, Indian Airlines operates a four times weekly service on Calcutta-Imphal-Deemapur-Calcutta route and a bi-weekly wiew on Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Deemapur and return route. The capacity provided to and from Deemapur is considered adequate.